

Stony Creek Elementary School PTO

Summer 2012



A huge welcome to new families as well as returning families!
It's hard to believe that in a couple of weeks, the 2012 - 2013 school year begins!

The PTO has many exciting events planned for this school year. Mark your calendars for the **Stony Creek Back to School BBQ on September 10th at 5:30 pm**, rain or shine! Come meet staff, classmates, and families. There will be grilled barbecue food items, homemade desserts, and beverages for sale supplied by PTO 5th Grade Committee. Members of the PTO Executive Board will be available that evening to meet you and answer any questions you have - please don't be shy!

Are you and your family new to Stony Creek? In the next few weeks, look for information about our **Welcome Wagon event** especially for you! We'll give you the "inside scoop" on school and PTO-related activities, as well as answer any questions you may have. Child care will be available.

Included in this email are many useful documents to help the PTO provide services to the Stony Creek community. **Please print out pages that will be helpful to you**, including the Stony Creek Calendar of Events and other forms you may need to return to school.

Included in this email:

- Calendar of Events (this will also be printed on your child's school folder or agenda book, compliments of the PTO)
- Back-to-School BBQ Invitation
- Welcome Committee Form For New Stony Creek Families
- PTO Membership Form
- Direct Donations
- Other Ways to Support Stony Creek (Giant A⁺, TargetRED card, and eScrip Programs)
- 2012-2013 PTO Fundraising Efforts and How the Funds are Used+Information

We welcome you to **share your time and talents** for the benefit of our kids! Please use the link below to sign up for our numerous committees online (copy and paste into your browser or click on the link in the original email):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHhnMFJYU3ljcDVpdK55bTNsdDF0cnc6MQ#gid=0>

The success of our PTO is only possible with the help of volunteers like you. Any way that you are able to contribute and participate this year will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Back-to-School BBQ!

Samantha Drossner

Stony Creek PTO President



THE STONY CREEK CALENDAR 2012 ó 2013

AUGUST

- 28 SC PTO Back to School Staff Luncheon

SEPTEMBER

- 3 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
4 First Day of School (GR 1-5) / Early Dismissal 11:50 AM
4 Kindergarten Orientation, 1:30 PM
5 Half Kindergarten Students (Last Names A-M Report)
6 Half Kindergarten Students (Last Names N-Z Report)
6 SC PTO Kid Stuff Book Fundraiser ó Begins
7 All Kindergarten Students Report (Full Day of School)
10 SC PTO Back to School Picnic, 5:30 PM
13 SC Back to School Night Program, 7 PM
17 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
19 SC PTO Welcome Wagon ó New Parents to SC
20 SC PTO Kid Stuff Book Fundraiser ó Ends
20 SC PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser ó Begins
26 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
28 SC Fall Picture Day
28 SC Growth and Vision Screening (GR 4-5)

OCTOBER

- 11 SC PTO Meeting, 9:30 AM
12 SC PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser ó Ends
17 SC Hearing Screening (GR K-3)
17 SC Vision Screening (GR 3)
19 SC Fifth Grade Fun Afternoon, 3:15-5:30 PM
26 SC PTO Family Fun Night, 6:30 PM
31 SC Halloween Parade and Celebration, 2 PM

NOVEMBER

- 5-9 SC PTO Fall Book Fair
5 SC PTO Book Fair Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM
5 SC Fall Picture Re-Takes
6 WSD No School for Students /District In-Service
13 American Education Week School Visitation Day
16 SC PTO Giving Night, 6:30 PM
19-21 Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)
20 SC PTO Staff Soup Luncheon
22 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
23 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
30 End of First Trimester (Early Dismissal)

DECEMBER

- 4-6 SC PTO Holiday Shop (During Recess)
11 SC Winter Concert at WHS, 7 PM
24 Winter Break Begins (Schools Closed)

JANUARY

- 1 Last Day of Winter Break (Schools Closed)
2 Students Return from Winter Break
5 Pajamas and Pancakes at Applebees, 8-10 AM
17 SC PTO Family Fun Night, 6:30 PM
18 WSD No School for Students /District In-Service
21 WSD Holiday ó Schools Closed
24 SC PTO Family Fun Night (Snow Date), 6:30 PM
25 Fifth Grade Gym and Swim Night at WMS, 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY

- 5 SC PTO Breakfast Buddies (Families A-M), 7:45 AM
6 SC PTO Breakfast Buddies (Families N-Z), 7:45 AM
7 SC PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
15 WSD No School for Students /District In-Service
18 WSD Holiday ó Schools Closed

MARCH

- 7 Pre-Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 AM
8 End of Second Trimester (Early Dismissal) 11:50 AM
11-15 PSSA Writing Assessment (GR 5)
16 SC PTO March Madness Parent/Staff Evening 6-10 PM
18-22 PSSA Writing Make-ups (GR 5)
19-22 SC PTO Spring Book Fair Begins
20-22 Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal) 11:50 AM
25-29 WSD Spring Break ó School Closed

APRIL

- 4 WSD Strings Concert, WHS at 7 PM
8-19 PSSA Math & Reading (GR 3-5)
22-26 PSSA Science (GR 4)
24 SC Spring Picture Day
29 PSSA Math, Reading, Science Make-ups Begin

MAY

- 1 SC PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon
2 SC PTO Meeting, 7 PM
3 PSSA Math, Reading, Science Make-ups End
9 SC Spring Musical, 7 PM
17 SC PTO Spring Carnival, 5:30 PM
21 WSD No School for Students/District In-Service
27 WSD Holiday ó Schools Closed
30 SC Spring Concert at WHS, 7 PM

JUNE

- 6 Districtwide Fifth Grade Day of Fun at Mermaid
6 SC PTO Meeting, 9:30 AM
7 SC Field Day
13 Districtwide Fifth Grade at Mermaid (Rain Date)
14 SC Fifth Grade Farewell Ceremony, 9:00 AM
19 Last Day of School ó Early Dismissal at 10:30 AM
20 WSD In-Service / Last Teacher Day

PTO Events Noted in Red





STONY CREEK ELEMENTARY'S BACK 2 SCHOOL BBQ

MONDAY, SEPT. 10TH 5:30-7:30 PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

**BRING ALONG A BLANKET, AND ENJOY THE EVENING
WITH YOUR STONY CREEK FRIENDS AND STAFF MEMBERS!**

Adults - \$7

BBQ or Grilled Chicken

Choice of 2 Sides: Baked Beans, Potato Salad, or Cole Slaw

Kids - \$4

Hot Dog or Grilled Chicken, Chips, and Fruit

We welcome BBQ Champion
Coach Jim Sposato and his
award-winning sauce -
all the way from Oklahoma!
www.coachsbbs.com



**A La Carte Drinks, Rita's Water Ice, and Homemade Desserts Will Also Be Available.
Proceeds benefit the 5th Grade Committee. You also have the option to bring your own picnic.**



A Big Yee Haw to Our Sponsors!

Tyson Chicken, Hatfield Quality Meats, Plymouth Mtg. Whole Foods, Herr's Potato Chips, and Bimbo Bakeries

Welcome New Stony Creek Families!



Are you sending your first child off to Kindergarten? Transferring from another school? Do you have any questions? Would you like someone to help guide you during this period of transition? If so, please fill out the information below, & you will be contacted by a Volunteer Parent Ambassador.

If you would like to talk before school begins, please contact Carla Cleary at (Home) 484-684-6117, (Cell) 215-858-4786, or BABYRY@comcast.net.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Carla Cleary
Stony Creek PTO Welcome Committee

P.S. We will also be hosting a "Welcome Wagon" event for new Stony Creek families in September. Look for more information coming home soon!

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**Please return this form to the PTO Mailbox**

(send this form to school with your child, and his or her teacher will deliver it to the PTO Mailbox)

**Welcome Committee**

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_



## Support Your School! Join the Stony Creek PTO!

As parents, guardians and teachers, we share the common goal of wanting the most positive educational experience possible for our children. Belonging to the PTO affords all of us the opportunity to provide essential support to our school.

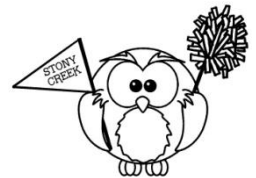
Thanks to your generous contributions through membership and fundraising, the PTO will be able to:

- Update library holdings.
- Supplement technology resources.
- Present fun, educational assemblies.
- Arrange events for students and their families throughout the year.
- Provide additional classroom supplies.
- Beautify school grounds.
- And much more!

PTO membership is only **\$10.00 per family**. (Please make checks payable to **Stony Creek PTO**.)

To join the Stony Creek PTO, please complete the form below and return to school in an envelope marked %PTO Membership.+ You may send the envelope to school with your child, or submit it to the office.

**SPECIAL OFFER!**  
**Join the PTO and receive a 20% discount coupon**  
**on any purchase of Stony Creek Spiritwear**  
(coupon will be sent home via your child's backpack)



We look forward to your support for the 2012-2013 school year!  
Questions? Please contact Ingrid Matos, PTO Membership Chairperson, at  
[ingridmatos@verizon.net](mailto:ingridmatos@verizon.net)

Please print all information

Detach below this line

**Please return this form with your payment to the PTO Mailbox  
Stony Creek PTO Membership 2012-2013**



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youngest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Stony Creek Elementary PTO Direct Donation**

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Dear Stony Creek Family,

Our Stony Creek PTO is a non-profit organization that relies on the monies earned by our fundraising efforts and donations to provide a broad range of school activities. The PTO is committed to supporting an exceptional learning environment for every student at our school by funding Assemblies, Author's Day, Family Fun Nights, Breakfast Buddies, Reading Olympics and many other social and educational opportunities. These would not be possible without the support of our school's PTO. For the 2012-2013 year, projects are already underway to fund new closet enhancements and the garden courtyard.

**On average, the PTO spends over \$65 per child to fund the variety of programs and activities we sponsor.** As with many organizations, the Stony Creek PTO must participate in fundraising efforts to support the programs we offer. Our efforts require the support of our Stony Creek families. In each case, the PTO takes great care to select fundraisers that maximize the amount of money earned for our school.

**Please know that with the Stony Creek PTO "Direct Donation" program, 100% of your tax-deductible donations goes directly to these PTO sponsored events and activities for Stony Creek Elementary.**

Your Donation is greatly appreciated and helps the Stony Creek PTO with its fundraising efforts. We are grateful for the many matching-gift companies. In the past, we have received matching donations from Glasko-SmithKline, Merck, and Aetna, but there are many more companies willing to participate. Please visit the Stony Creek PTO website for a complete list of the matching gift companies. The PTO is happy to complete any necessary paperwork.

We thank you in advance for your indispensable support. Together we can make a difference in our children's lives.

*Roe George, Jill Palmer, and Terri Hilbush  
Vice Presidents, Ways and Means*

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**Please return this form and your donation to the PTO Mailbox  
Stony Creek PTO Direct Donation**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Youngest Child's Name and Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Stony Creek PTO"

- Please accept my tax-deductible donation of

☐ \$10    ☐ \$25    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$100    ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_    ☐ Matching  
Company

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**Stony Creek Elementary • 1721 Yost Road • Blue Bell, PA 19422 • 215-619-8108**

Stony Creek Elementary PTO is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Our Tax Identification number is 20-1033858





***Here are some other ways to support Stony Creek  
that are easy...and essentially free!***

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### **Stony Creek Giant A+ Rewards Program!**

Program will start in October with a sign-up sheet and letter to be distributed.

Earn money just by registering your card to our school.



### **Target REDcard!**

Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding?

It's called Take Charge of Education®, and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard® (Target

Credit Card®, Target Debit Card® or Target® Visa® Credit Card), Target® will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K. 12 school of your choice.\*

### **eScrip!**

Here's How it Works



~ You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.

~ Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

~ Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!



## **2012- 2013 PTO Fundraising Efforts**

Kids Stuff Books. September  
Yankee Candle . October  
A+ Giant Rewards - October through March  
March Madness . March  
Book Fair . November & March  
Spring Carnival - May  
Direct Donations . Year Round  
Box Tops . Year Round  
TargetRED card and E-Scrips . Year Round  
Membership . Year Round

## **How The Funds Are Used**

Free Agenda Books for every student in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Free Stony Creek Folders for every student in K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Art Goes to School  
Author's Day  
Breakfast Buddies  
Bulletin Boards  
Community CARES Program  
Community Kids Club  
Family Book Fair Night  
Field Day  
Geo Bee  
Giving Night  
Green Committee  
Halloween Family Fun Night  
Hospitality, Including 2 Staff Luncheons  
Landscaping  
Mini-Grants for Teacher Requests  
Family Fun Nights  
Nature Trail  
Reading Olympics  
Spring Musical  
Student Assemblies  
"This Week at Stony Creek" Communications  
Welcome Wagon Event for New Families